

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 7460 Bennsville Rd, Bennsville Survey Number: CH-392

Project: Cross County Connector Agency: F/COE

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Dating from 1930s, this one-story frame building measures two bays wide. A very modest building, it is characterized by its side-gable roof, stucco exterior, and exposed rafters. The windows are casement except for the one double-hung window on the main facade. Little historical information was discovered. Its modest design is not architecturally significant. The Trust concurred that the building is not eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MD Inventory form

Dames & Moore Archeological report for the Charles Co. Cross County Connector

Prepared by: Steve Moffson, Dames & Moore

Lauren Bowlin 12/18/96  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Peter A. Burt 12/26/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

Category: buildingHistoric Environment: ruralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**Continuation Sheet**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Unoccupied House on Property of 7460 Bensville Road**  
**Charles County, Maryland**  
**CH-392**

**Historic Context**

The survey area lies in North Central Charles County along Route 228, also known as Bensville-Berryville Road. The survey area extends from the intersection of Elsa Road for about one half mile to the south, also including several houses on Bic-Pic Place, a side road several hundred feet in length. Structures in the survey area were constructed between approximately 1900 and the present; the majority of the properties were built after 1950.

Route 228 runs in a north-south direction following the high ground to the west of Port Tobacco Creek. The high ground is a natural transportation route leading north from the Colonial town of Port Tobacco to the Waldorf area and beyond. The road is at least 130-years old, as it appears on Martenet's 1866 map of Charles County. On that map, a school is shown in the approximate vicinity of the project area. This Civil War-era school is the earliest known property in the area, predating the earliest extant structure in the project area by at least 50 years. The earliest extant structure is an approximately 1900-vintage farm house and barn complex (7525 Bensville-Berryville Road) several hundred yards to the north of the presumed site of the former school house. Three 1930s houses, two of which are immediately to the north and south of 7525, are the next oldest structures in the area. Since all three of the 1930s structures appear to have been moved from other locations rather than constructed in place, it is uncertain whether there were any houses in the immediate area until 1940, the approximate date of the houses at 3545 Bic-Pic Place and 7520 Bensville Road. The remaining houses in the project area date from after 1950. The area does not correspond to a named community at present, nor is there any evidence that it did in the past. There are no churches shown in the vicinity in 1866, indicating sparse settlement.

The project area does not qualify as an historic district. Historically, the area was a country road through farmland with a school and a single farm house located at the roadside. The 1866 Martenet's map shows that a blacksmith shop was located about a mile south of the project area. The schoolhouse and blacksmith shop were contemporaneous and appear on historic maps from the late nineteenth century. The farmhouse was a later addition around the turn of the century. The date that the school house and blacksmith shop were abandoned is not known; they are no longer extant. Today, the community consists primarily of houses that were built in or moved to the area from the 1930s onward. The majority of the present houses are less than fifty years old.

**Continuation Sheet**

**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**

**Unoccupied House on property of 7460 Bensville Road**

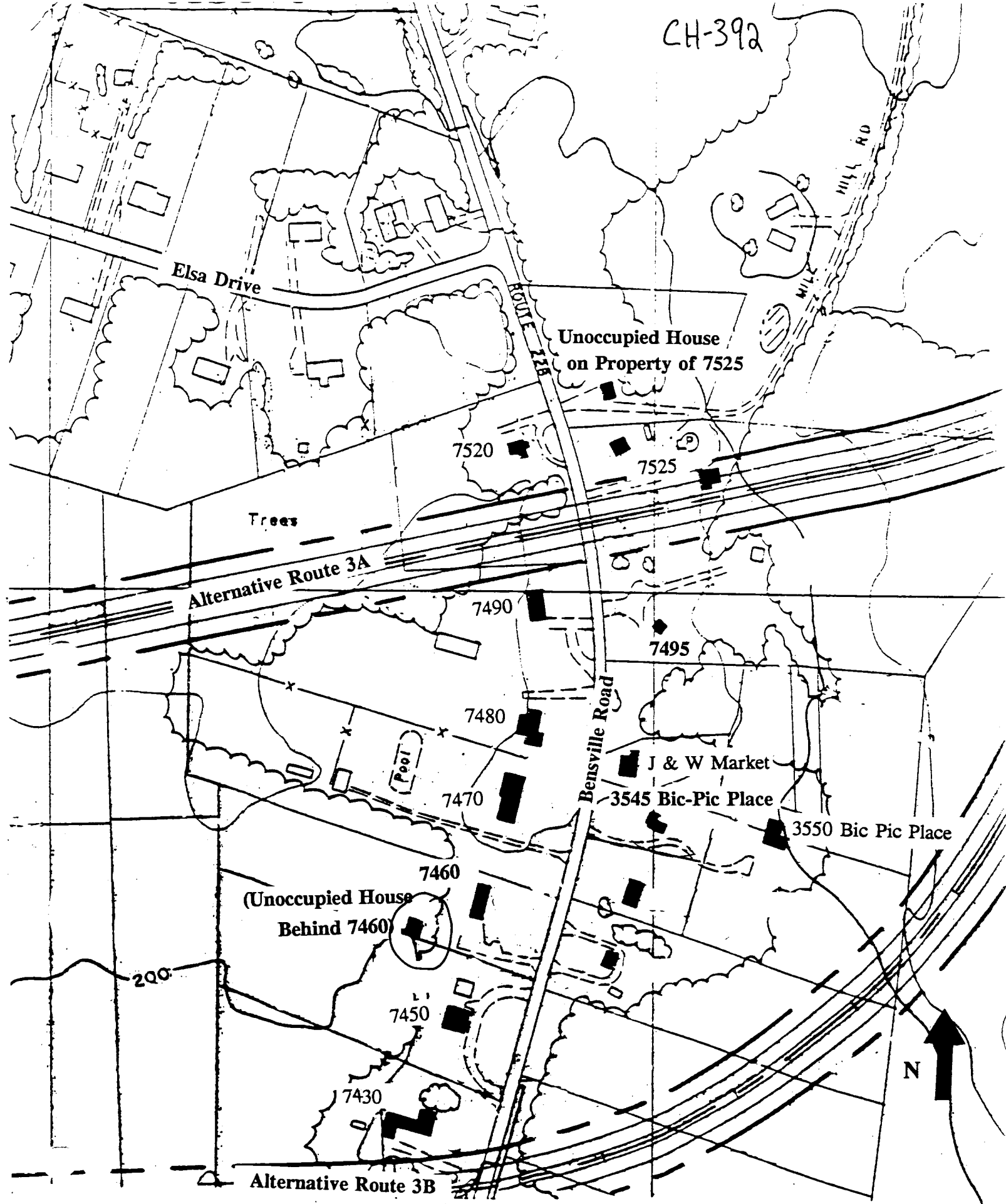
**Charles County, Maryland**

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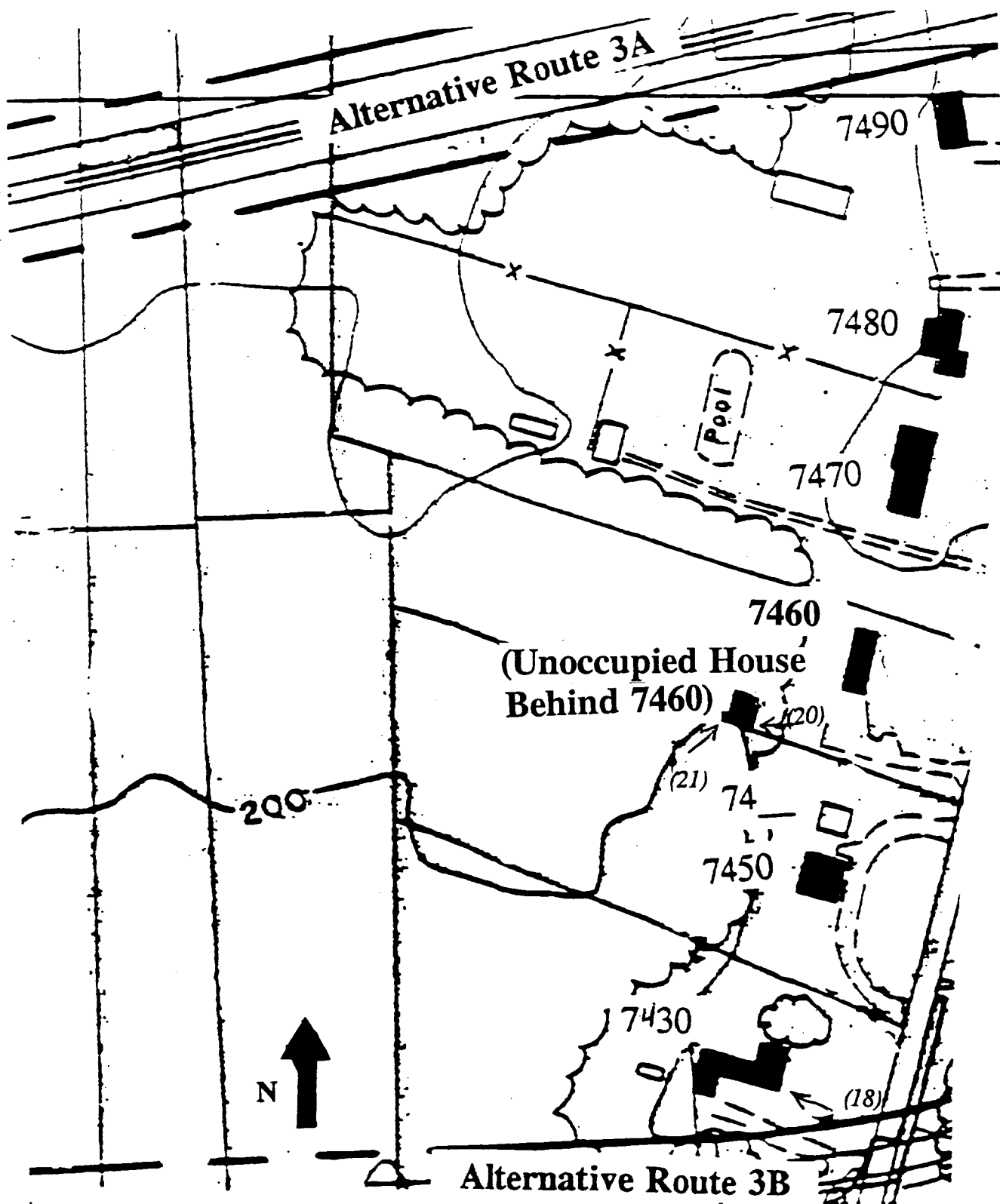
**Preservation Planning Data:**

- a. Geographic Organization: Western Shore
- b. Chronological/Development Periods: Modern Period, A. D. 1930-present
- c. Historic Period Theme: Architecture
- d. Resource Type: Single Dwelling

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**AREA OF IMPACT, ALTERNATIVE ROUTES 3A AND 3B,  
CHARLES COUNTY CROSS COUNTY CONNECTOR**



PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF HOUSES IN PROJECT AREA

(\*) numbers in parenthesis correspond to photographic negative numbers and indicate the direction of the photo.

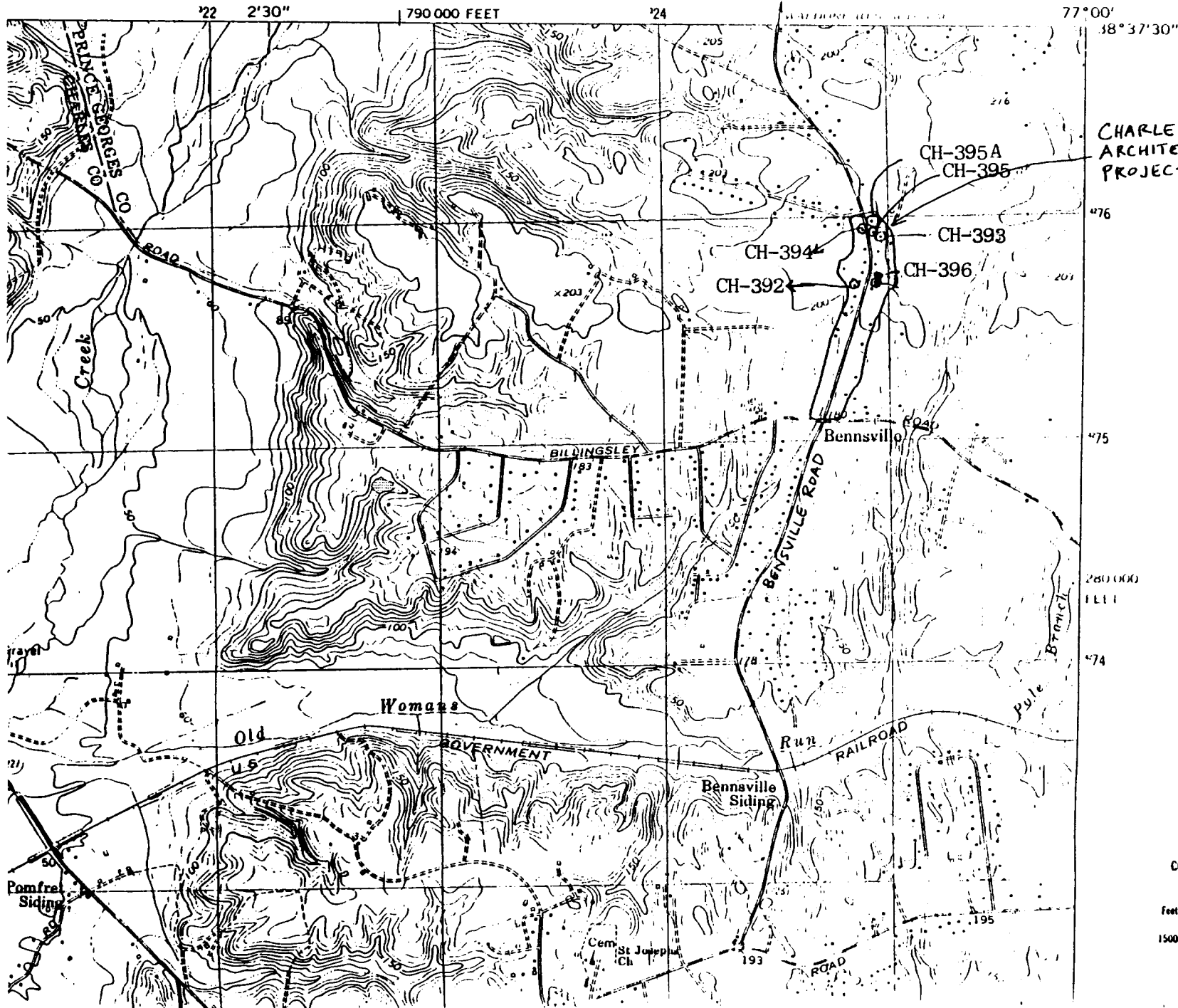
# PORT TOBACCO QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIAL (TOPOGRAPHIC - BATHYMETRIC)

SE/4 INDIAN HEAD 15' QUADRANGLE

566111 NW  
(PISCATAWAY)



CHARLES COUNTY CONNECTOR  
ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY  
PROJECT AREA

CONVERSION  
SCALES

Feet	Meters
15000	4500

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CH-392

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic n/a

and/or common n/a

## 2. Location

street & number 7460 Bensville Road (outbuilding)    not for publication

city, town Bennsville   X   vicinity of    congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Charles

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>X</u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles J. Carpenter

street & number 7460 Bensville Road telephone no.:   

city, town Waldorf state and zip code MD 20603

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse    liber

street & number Charles Street (P.O. Box B)    folio

city, town La Plata state MD 20646

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date       federal    state    county    local

   pository for survey records

city, town    state

## 7. Description

Survey No. CH-392

**Condition**  
\_\_\_\_ excellent  
\_\_\_\_ good  
\_\_\_\_ fair

☒ deteriorated  
\_\_\_\_ ruins  
\_\_\_\_ unexposed

**Check one**  
☒ unaltered  
\_\_\_\_ altered

**Check one**  
\_\_\_\_ original site  
\_\_\_\_ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

7460 Bensville Road is a ca. 1930, one-story, two-bay, frame dwelling. It features a side-gabled roof and is clad in weatherboard that has been covered with stucco. A sash window is set in the main facade, with small casement windows located on the south, west, and north sides of the house. The house rests on concrete-block piers and may have been moved to this site. (This house is pictured in Roll 1, Frames 20-21.)

This architectural survey was conducted as part of a Phase I archeological investigation of proposed alternatives for the Cross County Connector. The architectural survey examined properties that would be impacted by two proposed alternatives that intersect Bensville Road between Elsa Drive and Billingslet Road. Twenty-four properties were evaluated. Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms were completed for six dwellings that were determined to be at least fifty years of age. The remaining eighteen properties were determined to be not historically significant. Each property was photographed and identified on a project area map.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. CH-392

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

7460 Bensville Road is an example of a small, one-cell domestic building type that is common in Charles County. This house is not architecturally significant because this vernacular building type is well represented by other examples that retain higher levels of historic integrity. Historical research on this property and the surrounding area did not reveal any association with historically significant persons or events.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CH-392

"Map of Charles County Showing Topography and Election Districts",  
Maryland Geological Survey, 1914 and 1939."

Port Tobacco (Maryland) Quadrangle, U.S. Geological Survey, 1956.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 3

Quadrangle name Port Tobacco

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting		Northing						

C 

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B 

Zone	Easting		Northing						

D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Dames & Moore date January 31, 1996

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